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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application No. 10/675,266
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on 16 December 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal.

Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Examiner's Answer mailed 29 April 2008 does not comply with the guidelines provided in MPEP § 1207.02 because it does not contain all of the required heading items. Specifically, the Examiner's Answer must contain the following heading items in the following order:

- (1) *Real party in interest.*
- (2) *Related appeals and interferences.*
- (3) *Status of claims.*
- (4) *Status of amendments After Final.*
- (5) *Summary of claimed subject matter.*
- (6) *Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.*
- (7) *Claims Appendix.*
- (8) *Evidence Relied Upon.*
- (9) *Grounds of Rejection.*
- (10) *Response to Argument.*
- (11) *Related Proceedings Appendix.*

An in-depth review of the Examiner's Answer indicates that the following sections are missing from the Examiner's Answer and/or are not

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complete or clear in setting forth agreement or disagreement with the Appeal Brief:

(7) "Claims Appendix."

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is being returned to the Examiner:

1) to issue a PTOL-90 containing the missing

Appendix(s)/Heading(s) and

2) for such further action as may be required.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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